

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 32, 33 and 38 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, and amend claims 34-37 as follows.

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32-An isolated antibody that selectively binds albumin from a felid or a canid, wherein said antibody inhibits the binding of said albumin by monoclonal antibody H425.

35. (Currently amended) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32-34, wherein said antibody binds the same epitope recognized by monoclonal antibody H425.

36. (Currently amended) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 32-34, wherein said antibody is monoclonal antibody H425.

37. (Currently amended) A kit comprising:

(a) an isolated antibody that selectively binds albumin from a felid or canid, wherein said antibody inhibits the binding of said albumin by monoclonal antibody H425; and
(b) a means for detecting the amount of albumin in a sample collected from a felid or canid, wherein said means detects albumin in a range from about 10 µg/ml to about 50 µg/ml.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 37, wherein said antibody binds the same epitope as monoclonal antibody H425.

40. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 37, wherein said antibody is monoclonal antibody H425.